

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Division of Water Pollution Control Mining Section 3711 Middlebrook Pike

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Public Participation Opportunities

April 3, 2008 Public Notice M2008-05

Last Day to Submit Comments: May 6, 2008

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment.

Individual NPDES Permits

Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuances

Applicant LCC Tennessee, LLC

Facility Conrich Preparation Plant

NPDES Permit Number TN0050229

Counties Morgan/Scott

Street Address Sandy Gap Mountain

City Robbins

Zip 37852

Description of Activity Reclaimed coal preparation plant

Receiving Stream Wet weather conveyance to Mill Creek Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°11′56″ Facility Longitude 84°27′59″

Permit Writer MRR

Applicant Mountainside Coal Company, Inc.

Facility Cooper Ridge Area 1

NPDES Permit Number TN0072281

County Claiborne

Street Address Rock Creek Ridge Road

City Clairfield

Zip 37715

Description of Activity Reclaimed surface coal mine

Receiving Streams Wet weather conveyances and unnamed tributaries to Straight Creek

Wet weather conveyance to Nolan Branch

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°33′13″ Facility Longitude 83°54′47″

Permit Writer MRR

Applicant Mountainside Coal Company, Inc.

Facilities Leach Mountain Areas 6A, 6B, and Double Mountain Area 7A

NPDES Permit Number TN0072575

County Claiborne

Street Address Rock Creek Ridge Road

City Clairfield Zip 37715

Description of Activity Reclaimed surface coal mine

Receiving Streams Unnamed tributary to Tackett Creek

Wet weather conveyances and unnamed tributaries to Straight Creek

White Oak Branch

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°30′55″ Facility Longitude 83°53′03″ Permit Writer MRR

Non-Coal Proposed Issuance

Applicant Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc.

Facility Newport Pit

NPDES Permit Number TN0079871

County Cocke

Street Address 601 Rankin Road

City Newport Zip 37821

Description of Activity Construction sand and gravel mining and processing Receiving Streams Unnamed tributaries to the Pigeon River near mile 2.7

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 35°59'48" Facility Longitude 83°11'13" Permit Writer SJT

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant East Tennessee Industries, Inc.

Facility Asbury Project, Area 1

NPDES Permit Number TN0063657

County Knox

Street Address Cinder Lane; NE of Marbledale

City Knoxville Zip 37920

Description of Activity Limestone mining and processing Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Sand Branch

Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Sand Branch Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 35°58′01″ Facility Longitude 83°49′02″ Permit Writer KBG Applicant Rogers Group, Inc.

Facility Cowan Quarry

NPDES Permit Number TN0066311

County Franklin

Street Address 221 Rogers Group Road

City Cowan Zip 37318

Description of Activities Limestone quarry and processing facility.

Drainage associated with an asphalt plant

Receiving Streams Unnamed drainway to Boiling Creek

Unnamed tributary to Keith Creek

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 35°09'20" Facility Longitude 86°00'35" Permit Writer MES

Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant American Sand Supply

Facility 40 Acre Tract

NPDES Permit Number TN0066249

County Putnam

Street Address Highway 70 near Pinhook

City Monterey Zip 38574

Description of Activity Sand and gravel mining and processing Receiving Stream Unnamed tributary to Tayes Hollow

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°08′24″ Facility Longitude 85°18′10″ Permit Writer SJT

TDEC is requesting public comment on these permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on these proposed actions are invited to submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the above letterhead address, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax (865) 594-5253 or by e-mail at Gary.Mullins@state.tn.us. Comments must be received by the end of comment period date (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why such a hearing is warranted. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to *Rule 1200-4-5-.06 (12)* of the Division of Water Pollution Control. Public hearings will be announced through another public notice.

How the Department Will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of the Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's determinations. Copies of the application(s), draft permit(s), and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office located at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Kimberley.Reardon@state.tn.us or call (865) 594-5619 to schedule an appointment for the review(s).

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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in Chapter 1200-4-3-.06 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Water Quality Control Board designates these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Waters and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

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